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SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE IAEA-INDIA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ON HEAVY
WATER

1. SUMMARY: IAEA NEGOTIATING TEAM VISITING BOMBAY
MAY 18-20 TO FINALIZE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ON
SOVIET SUPPLIED HEAVY WATER. INTENT IS TO SUBMIT TO
JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR APPROVAL. NEGOTIATING
TEAM PLANS INSIST THAT AT MINIMUM SAFEGUARDS MUST
BE APPLIED TO BOTH RAPP I AND II AND HENCE WILL
REPLACE EXISTING LIMITED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ON
RAPP I. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS TO AMEMBASSY
NEW DELHI TO MAKE DEMARCHE ADVISING THAT U.S. WILL
NOT SUPPORT PROPOSED AGREEMENT WHEN IT COMES TO
JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IF IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR
SAFEGUARDS OVER BOTH RAP I AND RAPP II. END SUMMARY.
2. IAEA SAFEGUARDS NEGOTIATING TEAM HEADED BY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FISCHER (SOUTH AFRICAN)
ACCOMPANIED BY LEGAL ADVISOR RANIER (AUSTRIAN) AND
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SAFEGUARDS SECTION CHIEF BERANEK (CZECH) SCHEDULED
ARRIVE BOMBAY MAY 18 TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS OF
SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ON 200 TONS HEAVY WATER OF
SOVIET ORIGIN. FISCHER IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY AND HAS
BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE WITH THIS MISSION. SUGGEST
AMCONGEN BOMBAY MAY WISH CONTACT FISCHER AT TAJ MAHAL
HOTEL EVENING MAY 19, AND INQUIRE RE PROGRESS OF

NEGOTIATIONS. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF RESULTS SUCH QUERY.

3. KEY OBJECTIVE OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TO OBTAIN INDIAN ACCEPTANCE THAT SAFEGUARDS OVER SOVIET HEAVY WATER WILL MEAN SAFEGUARDS OVER BOTH RAPP I AND RAPP II ON THEORY THAT HEAVY WATER IN RAPP II WILL INEVITABLY BE COMINGLED WITH THAT IN APP I, WHICH IS OF U.S. ORIGIN, AND HENCE IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO APPLY SAFEGUARDS OVER BOTH RAPP I AND RAPP II. ISSUE IS COMPLICATED ONE AND EMBASSY NEW DELHI MAY WISH CONSULT WITH CANADIAN HICOM WHICH IS FULLY INFORMED OF COMPLEXITIES THIS ISSUE.

4. AS EXISTING SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT COVERING RAP I HAD ONLY A LIMITED TERM OF FIVE YEARS, AGENCY BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NEW AGREEMENT SUBSUME PREVIOUS AGREEMENT AND HENCE ASSURE CONTINUATION OF SAFEGUARDS INSPECTIONS OVER RAP I AS WELL AS RAPP II. AGENCY TEAM IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO INSIST ON SUCH PROVISIONS AS AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

5. AGENCY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT INDIAN NEGOTIATORS ARE TO BE BHATNAGAR AND RAMANIAH OF INDIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SETHNA WILL KEEP CLOSELY INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL ACT AS COURT OF APPEAL FOR NEGOTIATORS.
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6. IN ORDER ASSIST AGENCY TEAM IN ACCOMPLISHING THEIR MINIMUM OBJECTIVE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY NEW DELHI COULD BE INSTRUCTED ADVISE GOI THAT U.S. WILL BE UNABLE SUPPORT ANY RESULTING SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT ON SOVIET SUPPLIED HEAVY WATER, THAT DOES NOT COVER HEAVY WATER IN BOTH RAPP I AND RAPP II. WE ARE TOLD THAT BOTH SOVIETS AND CANADIANS HAVE ALREADY ADVISED INDIAN AUTHORITIES TO THIS EFFECT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSY NEW DELHI TO MAKE DEMARCHE ALONG FOREGOING LINES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.STONE

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